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emphysema, acute respiratory distress syndrome, shock lung, cystic fibrosis (mucoviscidosis), chronic bronchitis, glomerulonephritis and rheumatoid arthritis, which are caused by increased leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity or can be treated by the inhibition of normal leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity, said method comprising administering an effective amount of boswellic acid, a physiologically acceptable salt, a derivative, a salt of the derivative or a plant preparation containing boswellic acid to prevent and/or combat said diseases to a mammalian organism in need of such prevention and/or [combatting] combating.

16. (Amended) The method as claimed in [Claim] claim 10, wherein a [chemically pure medicinal or plant substance] pharmaceutical compound is also present.

Please add the following new claims 17-26:

--17. A method for combating tumors and neoplasms or tumor metastases which are caused by increased plasmin activity or can be treated by the inhibition of normal leucocytic elastase or plasmin activity, said method comprising administering an effective amount of boswellic acid, a physiologically acceptable salt, a derivative, a salt of the derivative or a plant preparation containing boswellic acid to combat said tumors and neoplasms or tumor metastases to a mammalian organism in need of such combating.

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The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said boswellic acid is administered intraperitoneally, orally, buccally, rectally, intramuscularly, topically, subcutaneously, intraarticularly, intravenously or inhalationally.

- 19. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said boswellic acid is administered in the form of tablets, dragees, capsules, solutions, emulsions, ointments, creams, inhalants, aerosols or suppositories.
- 20. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said mammalian organism is an animal.
- 21. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein said mammalian organism is a human.

The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein a pharmaceutical compound is also present.

23. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein a pharmaceutical extract is also present.

24. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein said plant preparation is obtained from resin.